Delays are only part of the problem with new OSAP

by James Weaver

A lot of Laurentian students could be in for a rude surprise when they come to find out about their OSAP loans and grants; there may not be any. Denis Lauzon, Laurentian's Student Awards officer, told **Lambda** that, contrary to an August **Globe and Mail** story, there would be no delay in student awards and grants. After speaking to Lauzon, **Lambda** contacted Ontario of Federation of Students researcher Chris Allnutt, who confirmed that OSAP has not completed their end of applications since mid-August, leaving thousands of Ontario students up in the air as to how much support, if any, they can expect from the new student awards program.

"There are four steps in the OSAP application process," said Allnutt. "It takes two to four weeks for the applications to go from the local Awards office to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. The applications, then, are processed in a computer, which takes a couple of seconds. Then, the Ministry takes about two weeks to issue a cheque and send it back to the Student Awards office who, in turn, take a number of weeks to process the cheques through their books. Finally, the student gets to find out how much the government is loaning and granting to him."

Ironically, it is the computer section of the process that has created the delays in student award calculations. According to Allnutt, the OSAP computer broke down on August 21st, and again on August 28th (OSAP runs applications through once a week). The computer has been "frozen" since August 28th, meaning that no applications have been processed since the 21st. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has offered neither explanation nor comment on the situation.

According to Lauzon, eight hundred applications had been completed as of the end of August. Laurentian, normally, has a total of fifteen hundred applications per year. This, apparently, means that seven hundred Laurentian students could be involved in the delay, with a strong possibility of more, considering depressed summer employment and the lower summer wages common this year.

The delay situation has also not been improved by the fact that the Ministry was forty per cent behind the application process rate they'd had the previous year, before the computer broke down.

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Awards officer Lauzon noted that the new OSAP program, established late last winter, was harder on the individual applying for a grant than has been the case in the past. "In some ways, the new

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Read this paper with the utmost attention, or get it read to you by others.
-Jonathan Swift

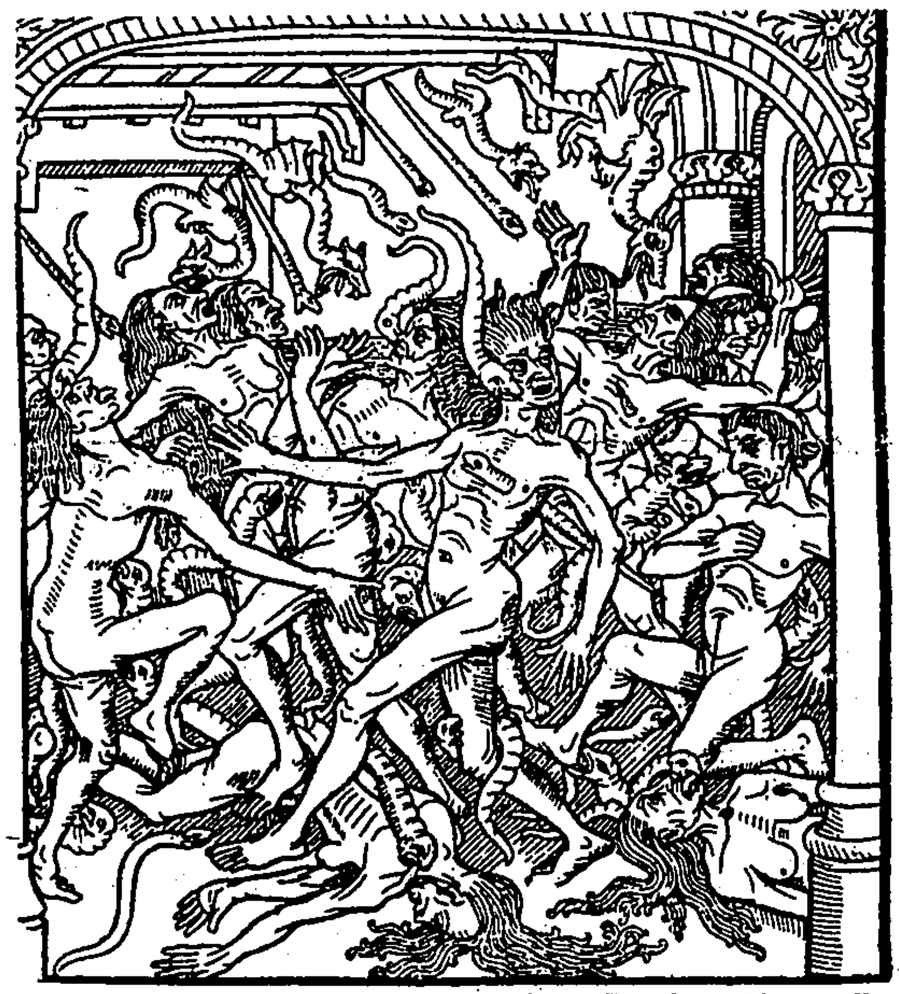
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"Sure, sure...beat the rush to Registration..."

BITTER NEGOTIATIONS LEAD CAMPUS TO BRINK OF STRIKE - LAST MINUTE REPRIEVE

An eleventh hour agreement in the later hours of Sunday evening prevented a strike that would have suspended many campus activities and crippled, if not halted altogether, the registration of Laurentian students. After a summer of bitter negotiations, the Laurentian University Support Staff Association and the University administration came to a settlement, to the surprise of a community expecting a walk-out in a matter of hours.

According to Lisa Millar, Vice President and chief negotiation of LUSSA, the new contract provides a two per cent increase across the board to the employees, and added "step" in the career ladder of each department, and an additional two days vacation after eight years of service.

Negotiations between LUSSA and the university administration began in May and continued until July, when they broke off with the university's request for a conciliator. Conciliation began on August 21, with conciliator handing down a no board report on August 25. This put the support staff in a legal position to strike as of September 11 (last Monday). Negotiations continued through the final weeks of August and into September, without a settlement being reached.

At a general membership meeting on September 7, a strike vote was held by LUSSA; 95.7% of the membership voted in favour of strike action. At the same meeting, 99% of the membership voted to reject the university's final offer.

The respective positions of both sides lined up as follows, with three major points of contention. LUSSA was asking for a three percent increase across the board, a new step to be added to all positions (thus allowing all employees a merit increase this year), and an additional two days of holidays after eight years of service, as opposed to after the present ten. LUSSA members now get three weeks, one day of vacation each year, after the first year of service, but must wait for ten years of service to bring the total to three weeks, three days per year. LUSSA's proposed change grants fifteen additional members the two extra days.

The university originally offered a 2.5% salary increase, but dropped this figure to 2% when deciding to concede to union's vacation package demand. Unwilling to add additional steps to the LUSSA employment ladder, they had instead offered a cash bonus for all employees (14) who, this year, would not qualify for a merit increment.

According to Millar, the difference between the union and university positions was only $12,000 per year, or approximately $.31 per employee per day.

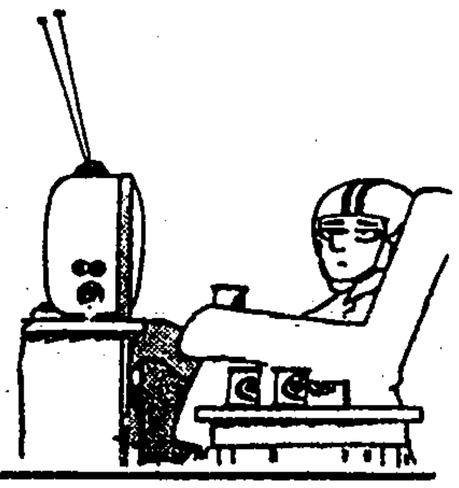
Far Reaching Effects

Both sides in this dispute seemed to have painted themselves into inflexible corners, as both were apparently out to defend their bargaining principles. The University's Board of Governors Executive Committee met on Friday, September 8 to reaffirm its position. It felt that the package offered was fair, amounting as it did to 6.44% over the year, considering the poor financial position of the university, and the settlement recently reached with the Laurentian University Faculty Association.

The union, on the other hand, felt that they had been more than fair in dealings with the university. Over the past four years, they have accepted only a four per cent increase in a period when the dollar plunged by over ten cents, among other things. Even with the total package they were asking for (a total of 7.55%), they still fell 2.25% behind this year's rise in the cost of living.

The implications of this strike could have been far reaching for members of the university community. The timing of the strike left many

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A Lighter Brew?

by William Bradley

Are you thirsting for a cool brew? Does the gurgle of beer, down your throat, make sense? Well, when you reach for that next bottle, make sure it's what you bargained for in alcohol content!

New "light" beers are coming on strong, according to Carling-O'Keefe. From the first introduction of light beer in February through its present five per cent hold on the market, the growth in light beer sales is expected to quadruple, then hold steady, over the next twelve months.

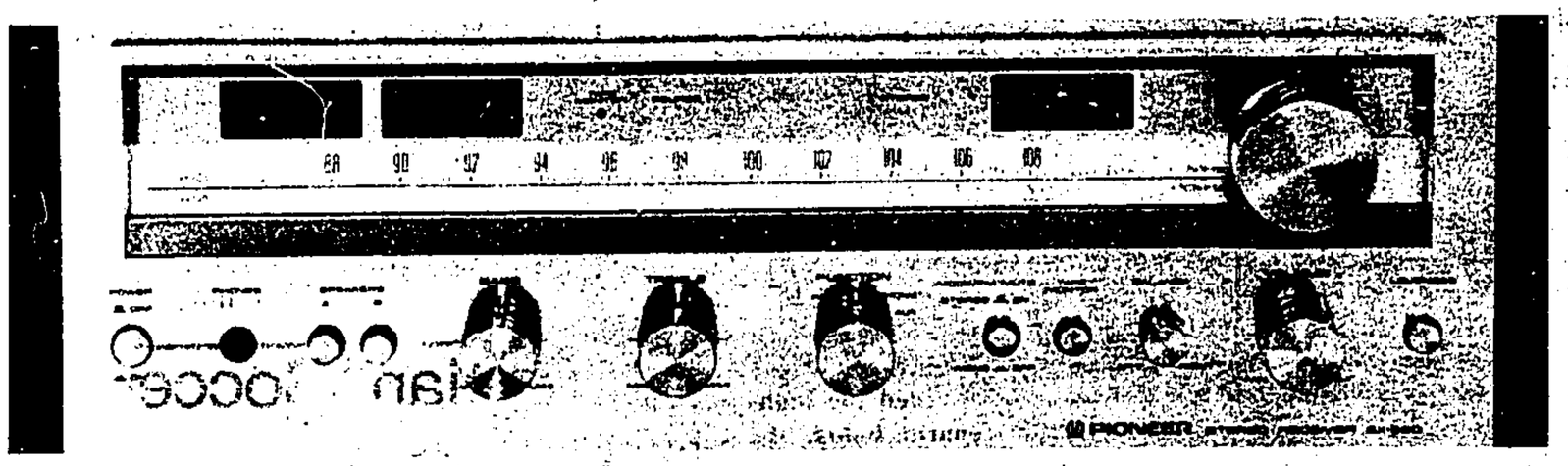
For students, a quick "beer break" between physics chapters or chem labs is a much loved pastime. I recall many a time of saying "Yeah, just going to the Pub for a beer". Five hours later, all disco-ed out and "red-eyed", I'd header back to my little study nook, only to find a certain "inability" to concentrate. Often, I'd just be so engrossed in the cover of my philosophy paperback (i.e. "The Metaphysics of Integrative Hypothetical Anomolies in Paradigmatic Transferences") that hours could pass before I'd pass on to the next page... more likely, I'd just pass right out.

But beer technology is to the rescue for psychological types such as myself. We can gulp the low alcohol brews like "High!ght" or "Special Lite" of "Molson's Lite", secure in the knowledge that we'll be only half as "wired" as before

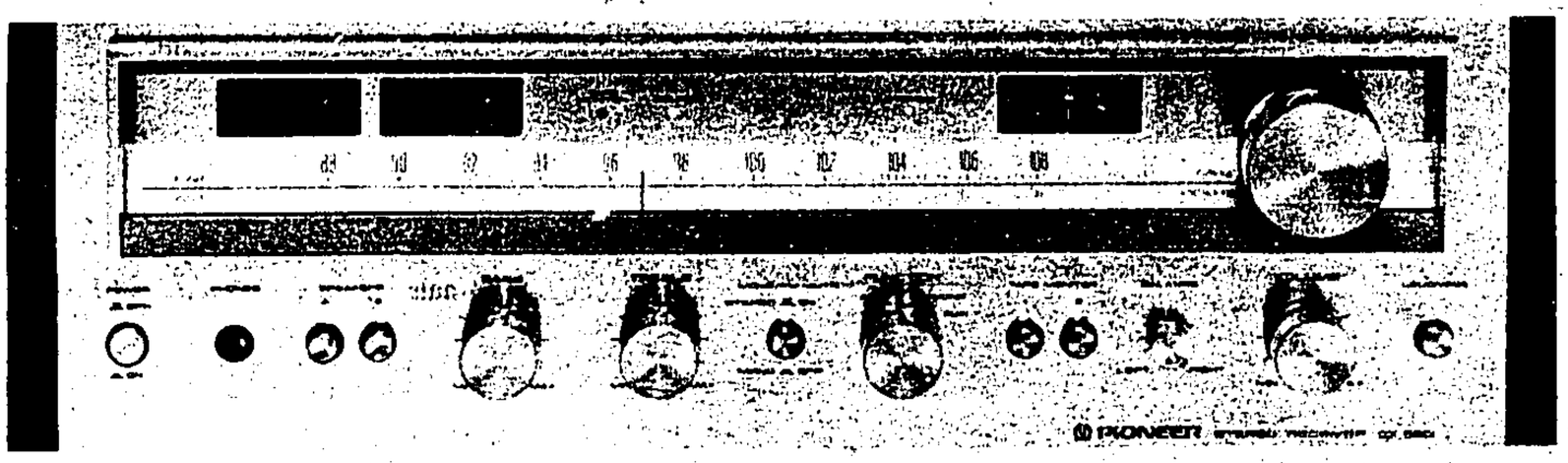
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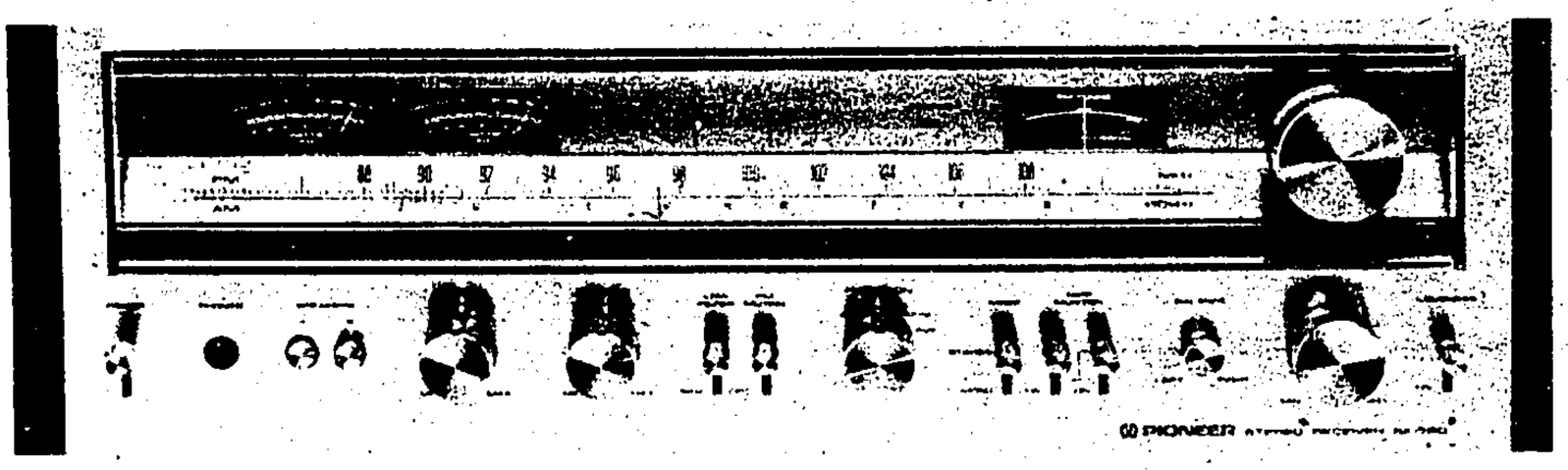
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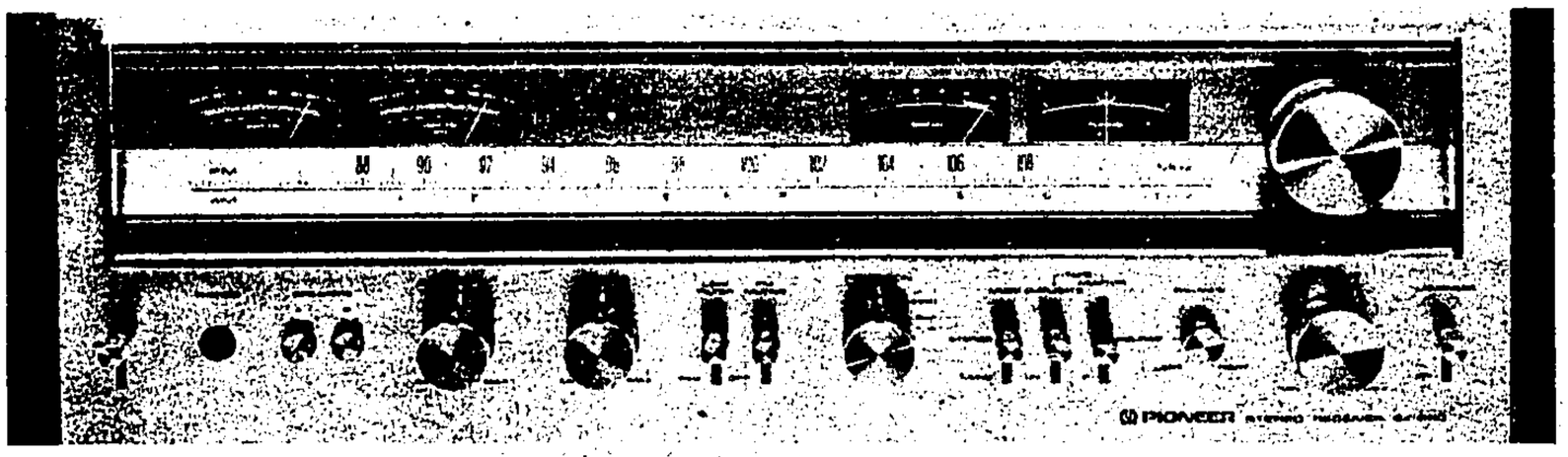
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Here Comes the Sun - On the Frontier of Energy

by William Bradley

Enjoy soaking up the summer sun? Those warming rays you may seek for a healthy tan are now being used to help heat thousands of American and over a hundred Canadian homes.

Commercial solar systems are available from almost 200 firms in the U.S. and over twenty in this country. Production of American solar collectors is increasing dramatically. From 1975 to 1976, the increase was 150 per cent. Brian Marshall of Toronto's Energy Probe estimated U.S. solar production of 5 million square feet of collectors in 1977.

In an April report, the Council on Environmental Quality, operating under the auspices of the Executive Office of President Carter, has set a goal for solar energy - 25 per cent of total U.S. requirements by 2000 A.D. Twenty years later, under conditions of accelerated development and energy conservation, that contribution would be 50 per cent. The Council noted a recent 100 million dollar government authorization for the purchase and installation of solar heating and cooling equipment in federal buildings over a three year period.

On March 13, 1978 members of the Congressional Solar Coalition (made up of 70 Representatives and Senators) introduced a number of bills to encourage the use of solar techniques. A 5 billion dollar Solar Energy Bank was proposed to provide long-term low interest loans for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems in commercial and residential buildings. The Solar Energy Transitions Act would direct the U.S. Department of Energy to convert the Federal facilities to solar - 1 per cent by 1981; 5 per cent by 1985; 30 per cent by 2000.

Recently in this country, Energy, Mines and Resources Minister, the Hon. A. Gillespie, has announced federal commitments to a strong solar effort. The P.U.S.H. program (Purchase and Use of Solar Heating) allocates 125 million between 1979 and 1984 for the preferential purchase of Canadian-made solar space and water heating equipment for new federal buildings. P.A.S.E.M. (Program of Assistance to Solar Energy Manufacturers) will be dual phased.

"Up to 25 grants of $10,000 will be awarded to firms to prepare solar equipment design proposals. After assessment of the first-phase proposals, the Federal Government will make up to 10 contributions, of $200,000 to $300,000 each, to assist Canadian firms to design and develop solar heating equipment for PUSH.

An additional $350,000 in prize money will be distributed to winners of national competitions to encourage more energy-efficient building design. This LEBDA (Low Energy Building Design Awards) program is geared more to 'passive' solar techniques, that is, design features taking advantage of building orientation and construction techniques.

Is all this too soon? Is solar energy competitive? Charles Caccia, MP for Davenport, in a brief to the standing Committee of National Resources and Public Works, March 30, 1977, quoted a study by K.G.T. Hollands and J.F. Orgill of the Waterlco Research Institute:

"By 1980, short term (solar) storage systems supplemented by oil will be cost-effective against 100% oil systems for heating well-insulated, single family dwellings in every Canadian city simulated, provided the high-price oil scenario holds, the low-priced solar hardward holds, the low-price solar hardware holds, and money is available at 9 per cent interest rates."

Caccia also cited statements by Dr. Phil Cockshutt, Coordinator of the National Research Centre Energy Project:

"If we look forward seventy-five or one hundred years, the oil and gas on which we presently rely for space heating will be exhausted.

"It is clear...that a determined technological effort is now essential to evolve economic, efficient and durable solar heating systems. Having in mind the slow diffusion of new technology in the construction industry, a major push is justified immediately, but the rate of implementation should not be overly accelerated."

Referring to the last statement, it recalls a warning of Seattle's Ecotope Group that people should learn to conserve energy before jumping on the solar bandwagon. David Bergmark, an ARK (P.E.I.'s own bio-shelter-windmill, solar collectors, solar greenhouse, fish raising etc.) architect told Sudburians this summer that the big happening is building very well insulated, and southward oriented, houses.

Their $35,000 house in Charlottetown burned only $68 worth of oil per year as compared to the usual $500 to $1,000 heating bill. They are now running the most accurate tests possible to reaffirm this incredible finding because on their second simulation the bill totalled $38 for a whole year. Contact me at Sudbury 2001 for their address if you do not believe the last sentence.

However, from the American government's commitment plus the proliferation of groups and individuals like Zomeworks (New Mexico), Brace Research Institute (McGill University) or Bergmark (Charlottetown) or Solar Societies such as SESCI, it seems that the winds of change are a-blowing.

Caccia, in an article to Conserver Society Notes cites a modest shift in the R&D funds allocated to nuclear and renewable energy strategies. Funds for nuclear research dropped 7% over last year whereas monies for renewables like solar rose from 3.7% to 9% of the federal budget. Yet, the 13.6 million dollar alottment for renewables is still small compared to the 90.3 million dollars to nuclear research and development.

The Science Council of Canada cites as many advantages for the uses of renewables as solar power in their report "Canada as a Conserver Society - Resource Uncertainties and the Need for New Technologies".

"Renewable energy based on solar, wind and biomass (energy from organic material), has the potential to be decentralized in its impact. To the extent that technologies are used and controlled by individuals and community groups, they can give people energy systems tailored to local needs. Local citizens are likely to remain more aware of what is needed in the way of management to keep them sustainable and ecologically sound. They provide opportunities for local initiative and ingenuity."

The crux is can renewables, especially solar technology, create jobs?

President Carter's Council on Environmental Quality cite Californian data stating that, if the state switched to solar en masse, the unemployment rate would drop by 50 per cent.

Actually, a variety of industries would prosper. Flat plate solar collectors are made mostly of glass or plastic with aluminum, copper and sheet metal of various types. Their manufacture can be small scale and local. A more sophisticated 'second generation' collector, the vacuum tube, lends itself to larger scale production.

What kind of scale does all this involve? Studies commissioned by the Science Council sketch various solar scenarios: out of a total housing stock of 4.7 million multiple houses and 5.3 million single-family units estimated for 1990:

"300,000 to 1 million multiple units and 250,000 to 900,000 single family units could be solar-equipped."

Laurentian Soccer Vees host the best in weekend Invitational Tournament

by James Weaver

In all likelihood, this weekend's Voyageur Invitational Soccer Tournament will witness a preview of this year's provincial, if not national, intercollegiate finals. Along with Laurentian's Voyageurs, who will be defending the title in the second, annual event, will be competing the York Yeomen, current national champions, the Waterloo Warriors, who narrowly lost the national crown to York, and the Western Mustangs, who were Ontario finalists last year. With the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union adopting a ranking system this year, it is possible that the participants will hold the top four spots in the nation. All will definitely rank in the top ten.

Predicting the winner of Sunday afternoon's finals at this point would be as hard as pulling hair off of Yul Brynner. The Vee's, with eight of last year's fourteen players back for the season, have as good a chance as any, and maybe just a little bit better.

"We definitely had a problem putting the ball between the posts last year," said Vee's coach Greg Zorbas. "We hope to solve the problem with the acquisition of Winston Hackett, a well-qualified striker." Hackett comes to Laurentian hot off a summer playing in the premier Toronto division. Prior to that, he was a leading scorer on the Trinidad national Junior Team. Hackett combined with team captain Oscar Albequerque, provides an awesome scoring threat. Albequerque is arguably the best half-back in the CIAU, having been, for two years in a row, an Ontario divisional all-star.

Aside from the punched-up offense, the Vees will be offering much the same style as has been seen over the past couple of years, based on the classic four—three—three lineup. "We're a ball control squad," said Zorbas, "the use of the 'long ball' game only shows a lack of confidence in the forwards and half-backs, and we're obviously well-set in those areas.

"Because the university season is so short, you can't really afford to experiment. The only real 'surprises' in our game come from individual effort."

Zorbas acknowleges the impact that the furor of World Cup Soccer has on soccer at all levels. "This year's games didn't offer much new strategically, but they did see a major rebirth of the scoring attack. Brazil (who mastered scoring from the half-line) is the epitome of style.

"Modern soccer is based on the Italian Defensive system, developed in the sixties. You slow the play down, score the first goal, then control the ball so the opposition doesn't score. A two goal lead in most soccer levels is considered a clincher."

The tenseness of a low-scoring game in a short season was amply demonstrated in Laurentian performance last year. They tied for third place with four other teams in their incredibly tight division, and ended up one point out of the final play-off berth. One goal, literally, could have made the difference.

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Many of the players from all teams in the tournament will have a season extending beyond the regular schedule this year. Zorbas will be heading up the Canadian National team to be participating at the Fishu Games in Mexico during September of 1979. A good part of the team will be drawn from university ranks, some of whose best will be playing at the Laurentian Invitational.

Zorbas does not discount doing well at the international level, pointing to the steady development of Canadian soccer skill. "Canada probably has the best minor soccer system, in the world," he stated. "The Europeans don't concentrate on the minors; they rely on talent they pick up from people who've played the game all their lives."

Canadian soccer has done well in its development. In this year's North American Soccer League, the Vancouver Whitecaps finished the season with a record identical to the eventual champion New York Cosmos. The Whitecaps were mostly Canadian. The Cosmos featured top Europeans, and a payroll the size of a Gross National Product.

The Vees, too, have done well with a home-grown concentration. Out of this year's twenty-two players in the training camp, sixteen were from Northern Ontario;fourteen of those hale from Sudbury.

"The bulk of the Laurentian team has always come from the North," Zorbas noted. "I guess it's due to the ethnic background of many of the players, and the excellence of the local minor leagues.
of the Local, minor leagues."

So, with the minor programme, we can do to soccer for the Europeans what the Russians did for our national game.

Buckets and Brickbats

by John Kahlua

This is an editorial. It reflects my opinion and my opinion alone.It in no way reflects the opinion or policy of any sane person or organization, including this paper. (The sanity of this paper or of those connected with it is NOT the issue here! So no comments from you - the uneducated rabble.)

Alright, rabble, so just what is an editorial ? Any bright sods out there ? I didn't think so.

Well, I'll tell you. An editorial is one man's opinion on any subject under, over, in, or through the sun. It is a personal comment. It is designed to stir up controversy; to arouse the ire of the reader; to make you bunch of apathetic souls interested or angry enough to speak out on an issue of importance. Any and every issue.

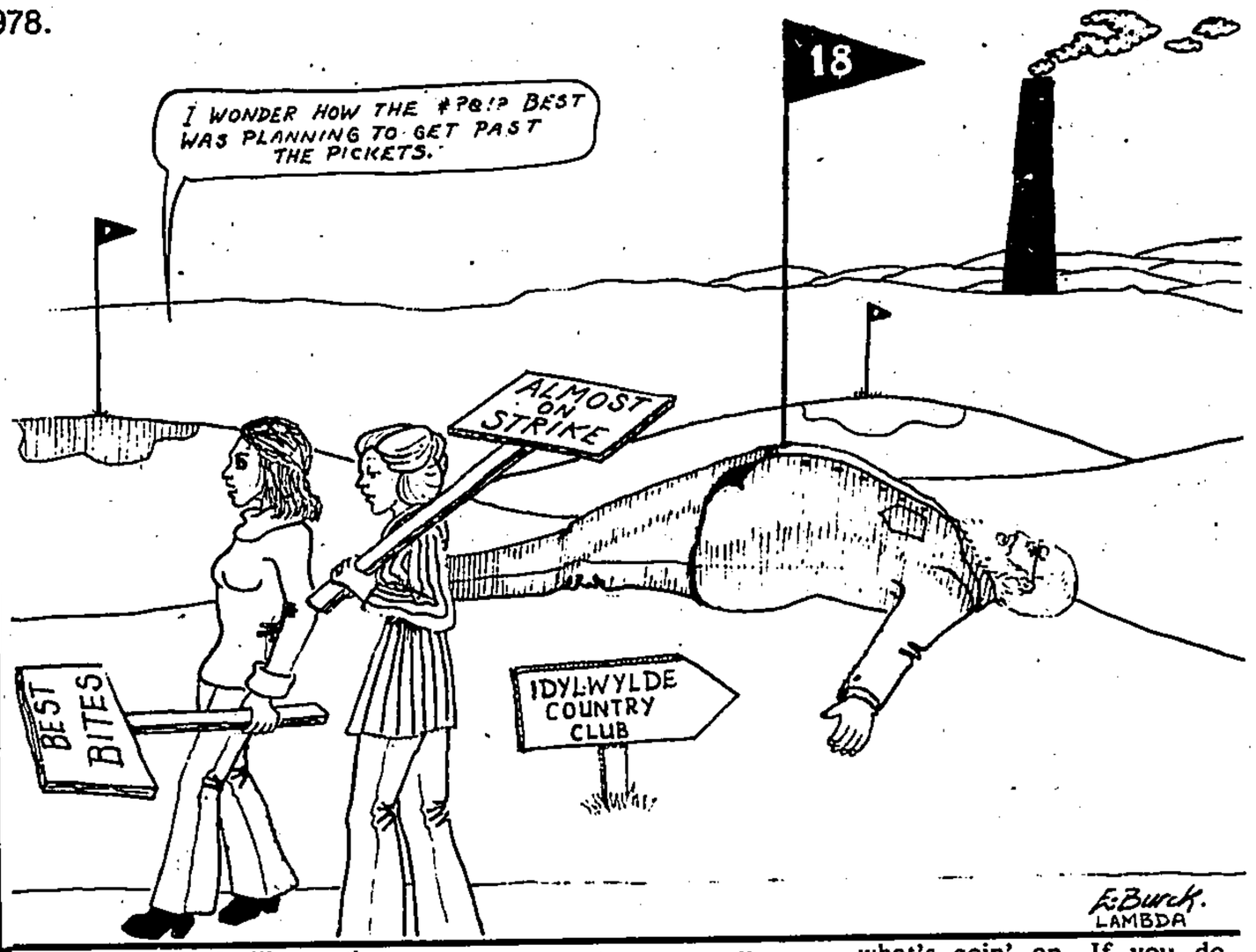
APATHETIC rabble! That is the subject of this editorial - for those of you who haven't guessed. This institution of so called 'higher learning' is , without a doubt, the most apathetic of any that I have the misfortune to be aquainted with. And I've seen a lot of them, including Western, Waterloo, and Calgary. This is the worst! If you're a freshman, ask any veteran. He'll tell you straight, if you can get him away from coffee or cards long enough to listen to a full sentence. If you're an upper year student, you've likely forgotten how to read and are drawing stick men all over my words of inspiration. You people are lost causes. Or are you ?

Do you object to being called names ?Do you like being called sod and rabble? Well, get used to it because that's all you will hear from me until you get off your - uh - rear ends and get involved. I mean, it's not all that hard. Just look at this crud ! Couldn't you do just as well or , unlikely but possible, even better? If you think what I'm writing is pure crap, then come down to **Lambda** and prove it ! If you're better than me, you can have my job and welcome to it. And I will know that, by stepping aside for someone of superior wisdom and ability, I have enriched the university community.

Ah, bullshit! I'm not really going to step aside for anyone. But the paper will make room for those willing to work simply for those willing to work simply for the enormous spiritual pleasure of working. I realize that this does not include the majority of my faithless readers. Still, you don't need to work on the paper or the S.G.A. or Student Security or where-ever to contribute to our hapless community. Write a letter. Tear apart my abrasive style (if you can find an English major who knows what abrasive means), stomp on my syntax (better ask a prof about that one), write an open letter declaring the terms of a contract on my humble life. Do anything! but at least think! Respond! Use those "little grey cells", as our friend Hercule Poirot would say. (I like Hercule. He's almost as humble as I am.) CEASE THIS BLOODY APATHY!!!

One final word. Editorials don't really suck. Some editors might, though. Take James for - UGGHH!

This is James Weaver. I do not suck. This editorial is at an end as the writer is suffering from severe groin problems. And I only kicked him once.



Yessir, it looks like another year's crept up on us, which means we get to produce another annual installment for the fish-wrapping industry.

For those of you who hadn't noticed, we're **Lambda Publications**, operating out of G-1 Student Street, Laurentian University. You can call us from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 675-1151 ext. 653.

Some of the veterans will note the absense of a standard item in this issue. **What's Happening** hasn't, 'cause nobody tells us nuthin' 'bout what's goin' on. If you do have something, do let us know, won't you?

Our thanx go out this week to **Flatt Baroque, John Kahlua, Beer-Barrel Bradley, Da Prez, J.D., Eureeka and Alex for putting up with yours truly: JAMES WEAVER**

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when it's time to "hit the books". But, wait a minute! Only one of the brews mentioned qualifies as a "light beer".

A light beer, according to the Liquor Liscense Board of Ontario, is supposed to have half the calories and half the alcohol content of "heavy beer" (i.e. the stuff we were guzzling before light beer.) "Heavy beer has 150 calories and an alcohol content of 5%. Highlight (soon to be called "Trilight") has only 60 calories with a 2.5% alcohol content, and is the only true light beer on the market. Special Lite ranks next with 4% alcohol and 98 calories, while Molson's Lite is your basic heavy beer with 4.5% alcohol. Ladies, beware! Molson's Lite will put on 122 revolting calories.

The older generation, by now clinging to whatever brain cells they may have left will find a welcome home for the lights, especially in the rubber chicken circuit of the "business lunch". They can now go back to the boss with an artificial smile, rather than a hard-earned one. Just hope they don't get bamboozled by the false security of a 4.5% Molson's Lite.

"Lite" beer could turn out to be the biggest "high" of the decade. Government pressure on the suds industry over drinking and driving can now produce hordes of "straight" drunks, high on so-called light beer. Or take our national health kick (Does the thought of an average sixty year old Swede still get on your nerves?). Joggers, having a cool, quick "light" beer, hither and thither as they prance along will begin to stumble and bumble, giving fellow, sober passers-by not-so-eloquent discourses on the morality of a light barley sandwich.

So, fellow guzzlers, unless you are discriminating, light beer may be no bargain. Well, I'll drink to that.

International Students Organization introduces new year.

The International Students Organization, as the name would suggest, is one of the many student organizations operating under the SGA. Its main purpose is to provide a forum for the exchange of Cultures, Ideas and other forms of Educational Experience within this academic community. The ISO is open to Laurentian University students in particular, and to the broader community in general.

Much as the ISO is not an answer to this community's individual problems, it does offer a place for positive discussions of them when necessary.

The last year witnessed a number of events organized by the ISO: a Belly Dancer from India, a trip to New York City and the United Nations, dances, lectures, films and other activities arranged in cooperation with various agencies. We intend to place an increased effort in providing more of these services in the coming year.

The Office of the Organization will soon be open to students who might wish to come in and read some of the available literature on other countries.

Finally I would like to welcome both the old and the new members of the University back from holidays. For our new members, we hope they will find the campus life and academic excellence of Laurentian University rewarding.

In this respect, the ISO hopes that students coming to a community of this nature are not seeking economic ammunition alone, but are in pursuit of truth, self-recognition and human respect.

We will be holding elections for the year 1978-79 at the end of September in which you will be requested to participate. At that meeting, you will be provided with a schedule of up-coming events.

We will be keeping in touch with you at all times and you will be kept informed about our activities, by mail. Drop in and see us some time at our Office, presently located in Room 101, Married Students Residence.

Mike Matsumunyane
Acting President
International Students Organization

COULD LUSSA HALT REGISTRATION?

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questions unanswered as to possible effects on registration. Members of the support staff normally performed the major functions in the registration procedure, thus creating uncertainty as to whether registrations could go on at all.

The university was determined that registration would go on. To that end, a number of students had been employed and trained by the administration to man the registration areas. These students, and members of administration, had been instructed to enter the campus via the neighbouring golf course to avoid confrontation with the pickets, ordinarily established at the University main entrance and at the entrance off South Bay Road.

A question also remained as to the position of the Laurentian University Faculty Association. According to Lisa Millar, the LUFA executive had asked its members not to cross the picket line, and to meet at Robinson Cottage on the first day of any strike action. If this, indeed, had happened, the students hired by the university would have been of little use, since there will probably not be enough members of faculty participating in registration to approve course selections.

Both of the two full-time student organizations, the Students' General Association and the Association de etudiants francophones, are asking their respective students to honour the picket line. (The Association of Laurentian Part-Time Students is opposed to any strike action.) In a letter sent to the parties concerned, the SGA executive has asked the university not to put students in the compromising position of working as "scab labour" or as strike breakers.

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Helpful Hints from all over:
Bargain Brands Bounced ... Badly

More than five months have passed since the introduction of generic products by supermarkets -- enough time for an assessment of the advertising claim that they have cut prices to the consumer.

In its August edition, **Canadian Consumer** reports on the testing which they have conducted. Significantly, they do so under the subtitle "The Great Shell Game". Consumers might make a saving, with everything taken into account, but they need to be wide awake to do so.

This consumer watch-dog effort examined generic products on the basis of four major claims advanced for them. They found all four to be essentially false.

First, that generic products have introduced innovative packaging. False: "Most of the products come in the same old formats, although there is a tendency toward packaging in bulk.

Second, that generic products provide inexpensive label design. False: "It takes as much money to commission a designer to label Loblaw's smart yellow and black labels as it does Proctor & Gamble to design a label."

Third, that generic products are manufactured by big brand manufacturers. False: "Most stores...have a firm policy of getting products wherever they can be bought cheapest. In the words of Loblaw's Bob Chenaux, "We often go to a small company *which has no union and low* overhead."

Fourth, on the quality or value received: "The quality of generic products is variable, whereas housebrands are usually comparable to one of the major brands." Nowhere must the consumer be more on the alert than in the value allegedly received on generic products.

Canadian Consumer, For example, has done testing on liquid dish detergent. Its conclusions: "...two of the samples, Dominion and Steinberg, were lower in concentration than anything we've ever tested before...Dominion and Steinberg's generic products would only wash about five dishes with a standard squirt of detergent (about a tablespoonful). A so-called premium product washed five times as many dishes with the same squirt. This makes Dominion and Steinberg generic products half as good as the worst brand name product."

Thus, **Canadian Consumer** gives these products a value rating of "unacceptable". But they remain on the market.

Consumers beware!

Donald C. MacDonald
MPP York South
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INTROSPECTION

by Daniel Rheaume

"I is an other", Arthur Rimbaud once wrote. One is never quite oneself, since every human being is to him/her/self a conundrum; a stranger. Hence are we all increasingly "strange" and appear as strangers to the outer world, since no one can pretend to unravel or understand all the intricacies of one's psyche.

This fact remains, then, more true when applied to all the other unknown selves that comprise the particular sphere of so very evanescent human lives.

Since no person, except a presumptuous soul, can know or enter in any signifant, profound way the mind of another entity, then it seems clear to me that no one can condemn and/or judge another, exactly as Jesus taught.

In all Sagittarian (and human) honesty, I can no longer dare, then, to set obstacles on another's path, since each person must follow his own path.

The Quebec singer Jacques Michel summed up this philosophical and spiritual truth in a very simple unaffected but relevant way in a song of a few years back:

"Chacun son
chemin,
Chacun son
refrain,
Nous y arriverons
bien,
Chaque homme
a son chemin."

(Close approximation only.)

I caught the essence, the spirit, the fundamental rhyme of this message, if not the EXACT words! A necessary explanation for legalistic, purist nitpickers...

For these valid intuitions, I can no longer condemn anyone. Like **Jesus**, I will only condemn the sin, not the sinner, although my soul is far more dirtied than most, I must admit. All I can do is lend a compassionate ear, trying to understand, knowing very well that my individualistic human limits and particular prejudices lead me to faulty interpretations.

Conscious of that very limitation, my soul can only strive for **God**-given Wisdom and Agape (spiritual, **deep** love), getting in touch with the Higher Spheres of the **Cosmic, Universal One, Originator**, alias **God**, through sincerely-felt soul-searching, prayer and meditation through the rare, inordinate virtues of Mystical Quietude too often imprisoned in our contemporary, hectic, dizzily- spinning world heading towards Oblivion...

Let's **not** be afraid to take off our worldly, blackened, paradigmatical shrouds, hiding us from the Light of Revelation, all for the betterment of our syphilitic souls spreading their contagion of impurity through a humanly-caused, dying world filled with character assassinations, institutional decay and the imminence of the Orwellian Universal (ug!) Police State, not to forget the pestilential dangers of asinine, psychopathic nuclear proliferation.



by Tim Moyle
President
Students' General Association

Pearls of Wisdom from a Clam

"When one is up to one's armpit in alligators, it's hard to remember that the original objective was to drain the swamp." This one quote succinctly sums up the summer at the SGA. To those who know the SGA, Kathy, our secretary for the past five years, has left us for greener pastures, leaving a big hole to fill.

This hole was filled admirably by Rosemary Cullain and James Weaver, who both managed to put up with me for most of the summer. Starting this Monday, then, we have had Mrs. Mae Harper as our new secretary/den mother, who, I'm sure, will do a good job.

Despite these interruptions, we have managed to put together a pretty fair Frosh Week. The SGA has four major events happening this week. First amongst these is our annual **CNIB drive**. This fund-raising effort is the principal source of income for the CNIB, so it's important that we have a good turn-out to make this event a success. All folks interested, especially frosh, should meet in front of the Great Hall at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13. Food and refreshments will be provided to all canvassers, plus a little, extra "refreshment" to be provided at the Saturday dance.

Also on Wednesday, we will be holding a **"Good ole Folk and Bluegrass Festival"**. The Northern Lights Festival Boreal is organizing this event for us, which is to be held outside the Teachers College (weather permitting) or inside the Teachers College (weather grumbling).

On Saturday of this week is the first SGA dance of the year and it promises to be good. **Octavian** will be playing for this dance, which begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost $2.00

Following this on Sunday, then, will be a **Hitchcock Night** at the Frazer Auditorium. The films that we are showing are Topaz and Psycho, along with some Marx Brothers movies thrown in for good measure. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. and admission will be one dollar.

A word of warning to all : if students do not attend these events, we will have lost enough money to guarantee that there will be no events to follow.

Having got that portion of the column out of the way, we can now discuss (or, at least, list) some of the issues which will be occurring during the year. One of the most pressing issues will be cutbacks on campus. Though we cannot expect the university to maintain all its present services with its supply of money on the decline, yet where thes cuts are to be made will be a major concern to all students.

Tied to this issue is the upcoming National Union of Students referendum. To be held with the October by-elections, this will ascertain whether or not we join NUS. Watch for further information on this at a later date.

Another issue that we'll be tackling this year is the establishment of our stand on tenure. We will have to examine our priorities in the light of the faculty's possible unionization this year.

To end the column then, one final issue; the Pub. This year, assuming we continue to drink like fish, the Pub debt will be paid off, thus giving "control" of the Pub back to the SGA. We will need to decide what we want to do with the Pub. Food for thought for those who use the Pub regularly.

So there you have some of the events and issues that we will be facing during the upcoming year. I hope to have input from all of you during the year so that we know what you want. Remember, if you sit there with your mouth shut for the year, you'll have no right to complain.

Until next week, then, good-bye and good luck.

P.S. Congratulations to Mike [Fast Eddie] Lloyd and his new wife, Bonnie, nee Latour. Best wishes for a long life together.

SOLAR ENERGY IS APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

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The upper figures reflect a 5 to 6 billion dollar manufacturing and sale of solar collectors between now and 1990. Total capital cost of high solar use would be 11 billion dollars by 1990, including parts, storage systems and labour.

To conclude, solar technology is an excellent example of an "appropriate technology" - environmentally safe, decentralist in nature, adaptable to local markets and local concerns, a generator of more jobs per capita than energy intensive industry, simple to master, therefore widely dispersed, and obviously relevant for an energy-short world.

Care to be a pioneer on the solar frontier?

ENTERTAINMENT

Record Review
Stones "Some Girls" best since "Exile"

by Flatt Baroque

Whatever you may think of the Stones, you'll have a hard time ignoring them, especially now, after the release of the Latest lp, **Some Girls**, and the resulting blitz of airplay any new Stones album is bound to bring on. Though not a particularly astounding album, **Some Girls** is the Stones best since **Exile on Main Street**, and that may be because it so closely parallels the raw, confident r&b approach characteristic of the more successful Stones lps. Even the collage cover work (now sans Raquel and Lucy) can be traced back to the **Exile** days.

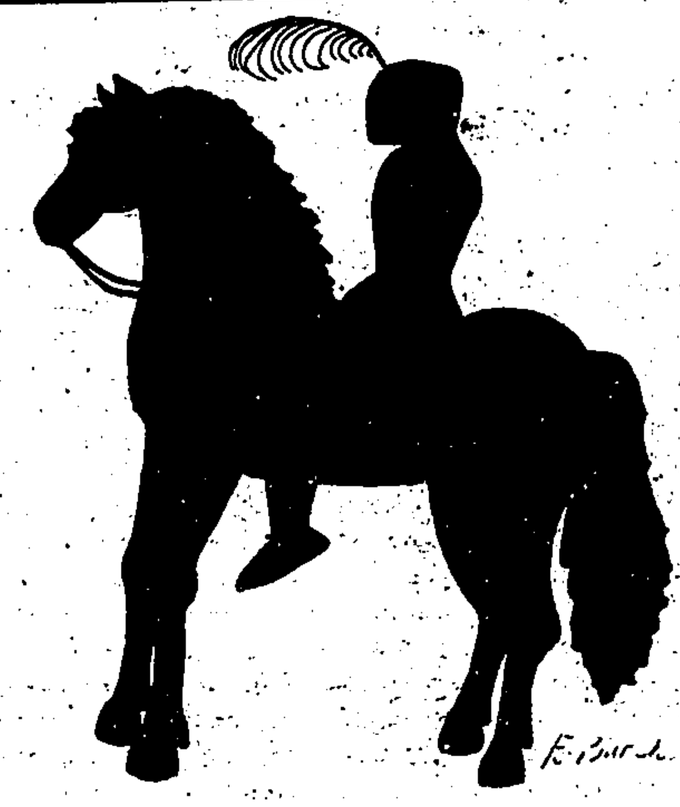
But what about the Music? Well, ya get three powerhouse tunes, plus and amalgam of rockabilly r&b disco most of which is tolerable in comparison to that turkey, **Black and Blue**.

The new album's good moments are perhaps the best the group has ever pressed into was. Never before has Jagger sounded so desperate as the neurotic Central Park lurkie in "Miss You". "Shattered" beats the punks at their own game (sex, violence, nihilism??) with half the decibels and twice the urgency of anything the so-called new-waifs have come up with. Love them "Shadoobies" too. "Beast of Burden" brings to mind "No Expectations", but with a little more up-tempo defiance. the The rest of the platter is none too savoury, but, in this case, getting to the filet is worth cutting through all the fat.

It now remains to be seen whether or not Liver Lips will be struttin' his rock 'n roll thang at age 40. Or 50? Or how about "Paace-maker, pace-maker (Doo doo doo)"?



Uncle James wants YOU!



The Face Within

by John Kahlua

1] *I have seen it, my vision, three times now and always in the darkest hours of the night. It is a great knight on horseback, in full armour and with a great shield of three points, on his left arm. There is a strange, faded design etched in red, perhaps a worn cross, in the centre of the shield. His huge lance, on his right, accuses the heavens, and sports a tattered silk scarf which flutters mournfully in the chill, night air. Always he stands in the same place, in the middle of a desolate moor, and he seems to come and go with the shifting of the cold, damp mists. Everytime I see the vision, this terrible, grey knight, I find I am closer to him. He draws me like a magnet does a shaving of iron. And he terrifies me.*

2] *God help me. Last night I stood less than arm's length from him. He is a great statue, a grey, grim statue of Death, and those swirling mists are his shroud. I was so close I could have touched him but I was shivering so much with cold and fear that I could scarcely move. The cold on the moor is unbelieveable. Even the breath of the horse is cold as death. The horse. It fascinates me, that huge, still beast. It holds its head high and is as grey as its master except for its eyes; burning, staring, black eyes. I looked straight into those eyes and saw -- myself. I saw my face frozen in a waxen, distorted grimace, a bloodless, soulless grey - like the mist.*

3] *I have not slept in two days. I burn with a fever that neither lets me sleep nor eat. And my hand burns, too, but with a cold fire. I touched the spectre's shield and it was so damned cold it burnt. I felt the shock, the pain, felt it course upwards from my hand to stab deep and sear my brain. I heard myself scream with the pain. I am going mad. I thought of killing myself to make it stop but I couldn't. Too terrified to live; too afraid to die. But, when next I see the knight on the moor, I'll be close enough to lift up the visor. If I lift up the visor I can see the face within. Yes! I must see that face!*

4] *I have never been so cold, so filled with terror. The mist is thicker than it has ever been, like a shroud wrapped twice around. He's there - here - so close that I can hear the pounding of his heart. Or is it my own heart? God! I don't know! the visor! Tonight I see what lies behind that cold, steel face. I see my hand as I reach for the visor. It is grey like ash, my hand, from where I touched the shield. There is no more feeling in it, now, so it won't hurt to touch the visor. There is no more feeling in my mind. Terror has made me numb. There is nothing behind the steel face that can chill me further. Nothing! See how it swings up so easily? So easily - so - God! Christ help me! No! No! NO!*

1] The statue in the park fascinates me and I find it strange that I never noticed it before. Not until I found the body. His face was terrible. Tortured. Still, I am drawn again and again to the statue of the knight. And in my dreams, too. Lately I have dreamed of the statue but it is no longer in the park. It seems to stand in some deserted heath, the palest starlight reflecting in the thick mists that surround it. It looks cold, the heath and the mist. Still, it intrigues me. I often find myself wondering what the silent knight looks like. *I think that I should like to see the face within that cold, steel mask...*



The Idol of Sheft



by John Kahlua

Throughout the millenia, the ice ground back and forth across the mountains of Horst and scrabbled and rooted like some great, god-like boar ravaging the land in search of food. In the heart of the mountains, shielded by billions of tons of rock and earth, lay the fabled caverns of the man-like Toriaa who dwelt there in the early days of creation, worshipping their god of darkness, the mighty Sheft.

In the twilight of Man, the ravages of nuclear war pursued the ice from the earth, even from the tallest of the mountains of Horst. The ice retreated from a world of derelict, dying creatures that scavenged amongst the barren wastes crying in the night for a salvation that would never come. In that desolation of blasted glories, a pitiful group of survivors roamed the blackened slopes of Horst. They existed on the malevolent, mutant animals; animals twisted into shapes that never should have been; shapes created through the greed and hate of Man and resultant of the wars waged by Man. Even so were the lonely, terror-ridden survivors of Man metamorphosed into beings of hideous aspect, with rotting flesh and hairless, bony, pipe-stem bodies. In the skeletal slopes of Horst, this group of once-men stumbled upon a great cave which had lain beneath the ice throughout the history of Man. Hopeless, desperate, they entered the cave's pitch black maw, and were forever swallowed into the bowels of the earth.

In time, the last survivor of the race of Man on the face of the earth breathed his last, tortured gasp. Time marched over his shrunken body, reduced it to ash and dust. As the winds scattered his dust to the ends of the earth, Time's healing breath flowed over the world, bathing the scars and washing away the pain-wracked memories of Man. Still, Man's legacy remained. Deep below the slowly healing surface of the earth, the descendants of those malformed once-men, who had entered a newly-revealed cave, lived on, in the entrails of the earth. They scrounged a debased existence from the loathesome, slimy creatures of that lightless world, subsisting in the final degradation of a self-wrought destruction. For these beings there was no such thing as light, save in half-remembered legends and the feeble phosphorescences of deep, dripping caverns. And, then, they found their god.

Set on a monolithic pedestal of coal black granite, in the centre of a massive echoing cavern, sat the green idol of Sheft, god of the forgotten Toriaa. It was hideous to gaze upon, and in itself a contradiction, for this god of darkness was carved of a green stone which, glowing, banished darkness, though the light was cold, and soulless, and hard. The idol reared as some bloated, luminous slug, with a monstrous head, dripping fangs and lidless eyes, swollen, disgusting lips pulled back in a horrifying grimace that mocked and jeered and slobbered. Terrified, the once-men fell upon their own hideous faces with cries and screams. In that moment, grovelling at the base of the idol of Sheft, they lost their last trace of humanity.

On the surface of the earth, forests grew and spread; seas teemed with life; new races were born which roamed across the earth. Some settled in the lee of the mountains of Horst. The more adventurous of these beings explored the ancient, black mountains and the mysterious, ever-dark caves. From these explorers came the legends of an ancient race of beings, horrible of aspect, hairless and with lidless, staring eyes; beings which inhabited the deepest recesses of the earth and which danced before the glowing idol of a god. There, beneath billions of tons of rock and earth, lay the fabled caverns of the Toriaa, who dwell there worshipping their god, the mighty Sheft.

Abraham's seed ... homecoming from the diaspora

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM: A Short History of Zionism. By Robert Goldston. 242 pages. Little Brown. $9.95.

reviewed by Alex MacGregor

At 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 10, 1975, the UN General Assembly began to vote. The resolution, passed at 8:30, called on member states to join in a "Decade for the Elimination of Racism." Surely this was a worthy and harmless resolution? What made the resolution so explosive was that an Arab amendment which boldly states "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination."

By a vote of 75 to 35, with 32 abstentions, the General Assembly declared Zionism to be racist. The Western Democracies were stunned. The Arabs and Communists were elated. Many delegates, unfortunately, had no idea what they were voting for. Robert Goldston notes that the word "Zionism" like other words such as "freedom", "imperialism", "fascism", and "liberation" have the power to move men's hearts as well as their minds.

Goldston in 242 pages explains brilliantly why the word "Zionism" became a word that men live by and die for. Incidentally, he has also written an excellent introduction to Jewish history. The book begins with Genesis 12:1. "Now the Lord said unto Abraham, get thee out of thy country...unto the land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation." The book concludes: "Zionism in its deepest and oldest meaning is nothing less than obedience to God's will - and the love of that tiny piece of creation He willed to the descendents of Abraham."

The words of Genesis 12:1 and of author Goldston are beautiful and poignant. In both cases, we hear of men called to a cause greater than themselves and obeying. Abraham obeyed a call. Abraham's grandson heard another call. Jacob wrestled with an angel, and obtained a name destined to be as controversial as Zionism - namely Isreal.

Throughout history, the descendents of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have obeyed the same call. God has rewarded them with spiritual blessings. Mankind has treated them to exile, ritual murder, crucifixion, pogroms, ghettos, starvation and, 30 years ago - genocide. Goldston succinctly chronicles the vast sweep of this story of inhumanity. The Jews have felt the lash of successive brutes.

Among the oppressers of the children of Israel were the Romans. Those past overlords of Palestine watched for potential leader of the Jewish people. When the Roman imperialists found such a leader, they deported him to Rome, sold him into slavery or "as in the case of Jesus, executed him."

In A.D. 72, Imperial Rome began the dispersion of the Jews. Jews were scattered thoughout the world. No more were the Jews masters of Abraham's heritage - the land of Israel.

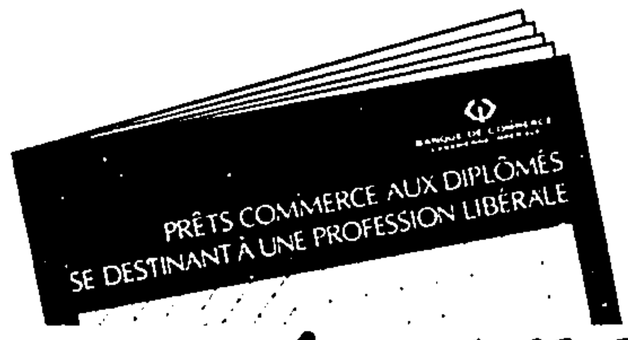
The exile ended more than 1,800, years later. On May 14, 1948, David Ben Gurion proclaimed "the establishment of the Jewish state in Palestine, to be called Israel." Israel was reborn. A people without a land had their Israel.

Yet the tragedy of Jewish history was not over. The Palestinians declared that they had been dispossessed from the land of Palestine. From their refugee camps arose the ancient cry of the dispossessed Jews - "Next year in Jerusalem." It was this cry and the demand of a displaced people that led the United Nations to vote for the "Zionism is racism" resolution.

Goldston has clearly refuted that lie. Whatever Zionism is or is not, it is not racism. The book is pro-Zionist. Yet it is not a whitewash of Zionism. The author does not excuse the Zionist terrorists who assassinated the British Resident Minister in the Middle East, Lord Moyne. Goldston also does not excuse the murderers who blew up part of the King David Hotel "killing nearly 100 people, 40 of them Jews," in 1946. Goldston describes the Deir Yassin massacre of April 9, 1948, as a "ruthless action...which filled Jews with shame." On that occasion, Zionist terrorists slaughtered 250 Arab people, "including many women."

The very moderation of this book illustrates the tragedy of the Jewish people. Extreme Zionists will denounce it as being apologetic. Arabs will attack it as being Zionist propaganda. Yet the average reader will, I think, find it a revealing and stimulating introduction to a tragic, painful and magnificent saga - the history of the Jews.

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Cullen Cuts 'Pampered' Students Off U.I.C.

OTTAWA [CUP] -- Despite rising student unemployment, the federal government has decided to effectively prevent students from claiming unemployment insurance.

Under changes to UI announced September 1 by Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen, students would have to work at least 40 weeks in the previous two years and 10 to 14 weeks in the previous year to be eligible for UI. Currently, the requirement is 10 to 14 weeks in the previous year.

According to National Union of Students spokesperson Pat Gibson, this will effectively cut students off UI because very few can work more than 16 weeks during the summer.

She termed the change "disastrous".

"This will cut many students off UI for several years. It's conceivable that a student could work for three summers and still not be eligible for UI."

When asked about the effect of the changes on students, Cullen admitted they would have a "tough effect". However, he said there was a "spoonfeeding aspect" of the current program that was "constantly making it far too easy" for students to claim benefits.

Gibson disagreed. "The simple fact that close to 250,000 students are out of work because there aren't the jobs to put them to work is hardly what I would call pampering Canada's young people."

As well, Cullen said many of the students will be able to find work in the expanded federal job creation programs next year.

However, government estimates show these will produce at most 14,000 new jobs next summer through such programs as Young Canada Works and the Summer Jobs Corps. According to Statistics Canada figures, there were 231,000 students out of work in July.

Other announced changes to UI included cutting UI benefits from 66⅔% of wages to 60%, increasing the number of weeks needed to receive UI if a claimant had received it in the previous year, and increasing the minimum number of hours worked in a week needed to claim UI.

Cullen also said the government planned to make workers and employers pay part of the costs of UI after the first 25 weeks. Currently, workers, employers, and the government all contribute for benefits for the first 25 weeks, while the government pays all the costs after that.

In introducing the changes, Cullen said he hoped they would discourage people from using UI "as their major source of income interrupted only by periods of short-term employment" and would "break the circle of reliance on UI that some claimants have built up".

He also said they would "exclude those who have at best a marginal attachment to the labour force".

The reduction in benefits, he said, would "decrease the work disincentive effects of the UI program" and "make jobs at the lower end of the income scale look more attractive". They would encourage "people to look for, accept, and remain at work".

The government had made unemployment insurance "far too generous", Cullen said, and had "swung too far to the left".

Officials from Cullen's department later said they estimated 263,000 claimants would be made ineligible by the changes. They expected about half would be able to make up the extra weeks of work, leaving 130,000 definitely unable to claim UI.

When asked what these people could do, an official said one alternative was to go back to school.

The officials said they had no figures on the number of students currently claiming UI benefits. However, Gibson said it was probably not a large percentage since most students already cannot qualify for UI.

If the changes are passed by Parliament, reduced benefits would start in January, while the increase in the qualifying period would be introduced next April.

In July, the unemployment rate for students was 15.3% up from 15.1% the previous July. The highest rate was in Newfoundland (27.7%), while the lowest was in Manitoba (11.6%).

BEN WICKS



Don't bother, Frank. It's a Canadian dollar.

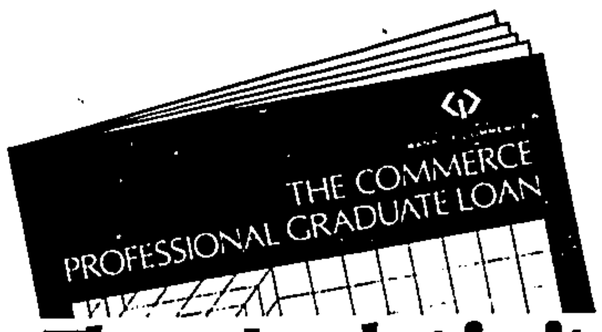
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student has an advantage in that he won't get confused with the system OSAP used in years past," he said. "Grants are going to be harder to get approved because of government belt-tightening. Still, I think the new program has a fairer approach.

Lauzon pointed out that it is an MCU policy that OSAP is a 'banker of last resort' for those wishing to gain post-secondary education. The student is the first financier, in this definition; the student's parents, second.

The appeal process over the amount of grants and loans will take longer this year, though, according to Lauzon. "There is increased requirements for documentation for both the student's and the parents' contribution."

Among the required support documents must be a record of parental tax statements, and an indication of the student's earnings. In the event that the student was unemployed over the summer, the student must have adequate proof of attempts at finding work, such as: a) a completed Manpower Registration card or letter from a Manpower office, b) a completed job search form (available at the Student Awards office), or c) ten letters from different employers, each indicating that the student had tried, but failed, to get employment with the respective company.

In the event of a student's parents refusing to contribute towards education, the student must appeal and provide: a) a letter from the student stating the case, b) a letter from the parent(s) indicating the refusal and c) a letter from an 'objective' third party (i.e. a lawyer, clergyman or other professional) assessing the situation.

Students from isolated communities, fairly common at Laurentian, with little or no opportunity for summer employment are in a ticklish situation under the documentation requirements. In most cases, it will be unlikely that they have had the ability to keep in regular contact with a Manpower office, or were able to apply to ten different employers. The status of their appeal is entirely at the discretion of the local Student Awards officer, according to Allnutt.

Yet, despite the new regulations, Lauzon expects the number of appeals to go down, this year, primarily because of the more clearly cut nature of the new program. He also noted that many students can have their problems taken care of in a local office review, as opposed to appealing directly to the Ministry.

70% ARE CUT OFF

"Office reviews aside, the number of appeals that are going to be filed this year will be way up," said Allnutt. "Student income, as well as employment, was way down this summer, as most students were working for the minimum wage, not at the scales that used to be paid by companies like INCO."

Allnutt also pointed out that parental incomes are down this year, particularly in areas like Sudbury with the occurence of lay-offs and shut-downs. "The economic conditions in Sudbury will lead to a lot of appeals. People who filed early will have used 1977 figures to indicate earning levels. A lot of appeals will filed, simply to be based on 1978 figures."

The appeal process is not the only problem created by the new OSAP regulations. The time limit placed on grant eligibility has eliminated between 10,000 and 15,000 students eligible for grants last year. Out of all students in Ontario, about fifteen per cent are eligible to receive their OSAP support entirely as a grant. Seventy per cent of Ontario's student population is ineligible for any grants at all.

"The fact that a student can take a grant without accepting the loan isn't much of a bargain, either," said Allnutt. "Anybody eligible for a grant isn't going to be in the position to refuse a loan.

"Without a doubt, the thought of carrying a debt from the student loan is a major reason for declining enrollment," concluded Allnutt. "Ten to fifteen thousand students who were projected to enroll in post-secondary education, this year, will not. They're being scared off by unemployment upon graduation (between 19% and 25% six months after graduation), higher tuition fees and the thought of an ever-increasing educational debt."